

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-18 are rejected.

Claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Akasaka et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,576,986; or in the alternative, as being clearly anticipated by Sato et al., US Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0026295.

The Applicants traverse the rejections and request reconsideration.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 102(b)

Rejection of Claims 1-18 as being anticipated by Akasaka et al. or Sato et.al.

The Applicants respectfully amend claim to recite that the input value information, the output value information and the shape are displayed simultaneously. Further the amended independent claims recite that the shape to which the input value information corresponds and another portion of the shape to which the output value information corresponds are recognizable.

However, Akasaka and Sato, either alone or in combination, do not disclose or teach that the drawing is displayed such that a portion of the shape to which the input value information corresponds and another portion of the shape to which the output value information corresponds are recognizable, as required by the amended independent claims.

Claims 10-18 are canceled rendering their rejections moot.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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